The CIA triad .

1. Confidentiality 2.Integrity 3.Availability across hardware , software and communication. In three different layers :

1. Physical Security 2.Personal Security and 3. Organisational Security.

Organisation for Economic Cooperstion and Development (OECD) - 9 guidelines for information security.

1. Awareness 2. Responsibility 3. Response 4. Ethics 5. Democracy 6. Risk Assessment 7. Security Design 8. Implementation 9. Security management reassessment.

Donn Parkers 6 Atomic elements of information or Parkerian Hexad.

1. Confidentiality 2. Integrity 3. Availability 4.Possession 5.Authenticity 6.Utility.

Types of Information : Electronic or Physical . Paperwork/ Tangible and Intangible = Knowledge.

Structured Risk management process :

* Risk is the likelihood or Probability that something bad will happen that causes harm to an informational asset.

*Vulnerability is weakness or deficiency exploitated to cause

harm to informational asset.

*Manmade or nature threat has the potential to cause harm.

*It is not possible to identify all risk or eliminate all risk. Remaining risk is called residual risk.

*Risk Assessment using subjective qualitative analysis based on informed opinion. Where finance and historical informational is available analysis is quantitative in nature.

Most vulnerable point in information systems is human user, operator, designer or other human.

1. Identify information , related assests plus threats , vulnerabilities and impacts.

2. Evaluate Risks.

3.Avoid Mitigate Share treat Address risks .

4. Risk Mitigation - Select Design Appropriate Security Controls and implement them.

5. Laws regulation regarding data access storage transfer and destruction.

6. Balanced protection of CIA triad without hampering organisational productivity and efficient policy implementation.

7. Protect Intellectual Property (IP) .

8. Protect against Damage Theft of info resources. Natural disasters and computer server malfunction.

9. Manage cost of information risk. Risk Control.

10. Onging iterative process. Must be repeated indefinitely.

11. Information security must protect information throughout its lifespan, from the initial creation of the information on through to the final disposal of the information.[158] The information must be protected while in motion and while at rest. During its lifetime, information may pass through many different information processing systems and through many different parts of information processing systems.

Code of practice for information security management recommends the following be examined during a risk assessment:

security policy,

organization of information security,

asset management,

human resources security,

physical and environmental security,

communications and operations management,

access control,

information systems acquisition, development, and maintenance,

information security incident management,

business continuity management

regulatory compliance.

In broad terms, the risk management process consists of:

Identification of assets and estimating their value. Include: people, buildings, hardware, software, data (electronic, print, other), supplies.

Conduct a threat assessment. Include: Acts of nature, acts of war, accidents, malicious acts originating from inside or outside the organization.

Conduct a vulnerability assessment, and for each vulnerability, calculate the probability that it will be exploited. Evaluate policies, procedures, standards, training, physical security, quality control, technical security.

Calculate the impact that each threat would have on each

asset. Use qualitative analysis or quantitative analysis.

Identify, select and implement appropriate controls. Provide a proportional response. Consider productivity, cost effectiveness, and value of the asset.

Evaluate the effectiveness of the control measures. Ensure the controls provide the required cost effective protection without discernible loss of productivity.

For any given risk, management can choose to accept the risk based upon the relative low value of the asset, the relative low frequency of occurrence, and the relative low impact on the business.Or, leadership may choose to mitigate the risk by selecting and implementing appropriate control measures to reduce the risk. In some cases, the risk can be transferred to another business by buying insurance or outsourcing to another business. The reality of some risks may be disputed. In such cases leadership may choose to deny the risk.

A successful information security team involves many different key roles to mesh and align for the "CIA" triad to be provided effectively.

Gordon Loeb Model :

Analytical Model. Mathematical Economic Model. Analyse optimal investment level in Infosec. Benefits - Cost Savings . Protect data breaches through increased investment in cyber security.

Risk Management : CISA

The Process of identifying vulnerabilities and threats to information resources used by an organisation in achieving business objectives and deciding what countermeasures to take in reducing risk to an acceptable level based on the value of the info resource to the organisation.

Brief descriptions :

1. Confidentiality : * Component of Privacy and not interchangeable.

* Reduce Probability of unauthorised , inappropriate access to data.

* No unlawful use - No - disclosure | disruption | Deletion | Corruption | Inspection | Modification | Recording | Devaluation |

Finally , reduce adverse impact of breaches.

2. Integrity : Maintain Assure - Accuracy , Completeness of Data over entire life cycle.

*No Data : Modification in undetected Manner.

*Multipurpose / Multiuser Computer System :

*Compartmentalize Data / Processing.
*Minimise Adverse Impact.

*Credibility *Consistency *Truthfulness *Completeness

*Accuracy *Timeliness *Assurance.

3. Availability: Info Available when needed.

Function Correctly :

*Computer Systems : Store Process Information | Security Controls | Communication channels used to access computer systems resources #Comsec

*High Availability Systems : Military Defense Networks | Transportation | Aviation | Government Administration | Electric Power Grids | Hospitals | Telecommunications .

* Prevent Denial of Service Attacks. Distributed Denial of Service Attacks. Flooding system through plethora of incoming messages to target the computer / Server / Website thereby forcing it to shut down or go offline.

Non-repudiation :

In law, non-repudiation implies one's intention to fulfill their obligations to a contract. It also implies that one party of a transaction cannot deny having received a transaction, nor can the other party deny having sent a transaction.[109]

It is important to note that while technology such as cryptographic systems can assist in non-repudiation efforts, the concept is at its core a legal concept transcending the realm of technology.[110] It is not, for instance, sufficient to show that the message matches a digital signature signed

with the sender's private key, and thus only the sender could have sent the message, and nobody else could have altered it in transit (data integrity).[111] The alleged sender could in return demonstrate that the digital signature algorithm is vulnerable or flawed, or allege or prove that his signing key has been compromised.

DATABASE :

A database transaction symbolizes a unit of work, performed within a database management system (or similar system) against a database, that is treated in a coherent and reliable way independent of other transactions. A transaction generally represents any change in a database.

In computer science, ACID (atomicity, consistency, isolation, durability) is a set of properties of database transactions intended to guarantee data validity despite errors, power failures, and other mishaps.[1] In the context of databases, a sequence of database operations that satisfies the ACID properties (which can be perceived as a single logical operation on the data) is called a transaction. For example, a transfer of funds from one bank account to

another, even involving multiple changes such as debiting one account and crediting another, is a single transaction.

Security Controls :

Selecting and implementing proper security controls will initially help an organization bring down risk to acceptable levels.

Administrative controls :

(also called procedural controls) consist of approved written policies, procedures, standards, and guidelines. Administrative controls form the framework for running the business and managing people. They inform people on how the business is to be run and how day-to-day operations are to be conducted.

Logical controls :

(also called technical controls) use software and data to monitor and control access to information and computing systems. Passwords, network and host-based firewalls, network intrusion detection systems, access control lists, and data encryption are examples of logical controls

An important logical control that is frequently overlooked is the principle of least privilege, which requires that an individual, program or system process not be granted any

more access privileges than are necessary to perform the task.

Physical controls :

monitor and control the environment of the work place and computing facilities.They also monitor and control access to and from such facilities and include doors, locks, heating and

air conditioning, smoke and fire alarms, fire suppression systems, cameras, barricades, fencing, security guards, cable locks, etc. Separating the network and workplace into functional areas are also physical controls.

Security Classification :

An important aspect of information security and risk management is recognizing the value of information and defining appropriate procedures and protection requirements for the information. Not all information is equal and so not all information requires the same degree of protection.This requires information to be assigned a security classification.The first step in information classification is to identify a member of senior management as the owner of the particular information to be classified. Next, develop a classification policy. The policy should describe the different classification labels, define the criteria for information to be assigned a particular label, and list the required security controls for each classification

The Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) and its Business Model for Information Security also serves as a tool for security professionals to examine security from a systems perspective, creating an environment where security can be managed holistically, allowing actual risks to be addressed.

All employees in the organization, as well as business partners, must be trained on the classification schema and understand the required security controls and handling procedures for each classification.

Access Control :

Access to protected information must be restricted to people who are authorized to access the information.[178] The computer programs, and in many cases the computers that process the information, must also be authorized.[179] This requires that mechanisms be in place to control the access to protected information.[179] The sophistication of the access control mechanisms should be in parity with the value of the information being protected; the more sensitive or valuable the information the stronger the control mechanisms need to be.[180] The foundation on which access control mechanisms are built start with identification and authentication.

Access control is generally considered in three steps: identification, authentication, and authorization.

Identification :

is an assertion of who someone is or what something is. If a person makes the statement "Hello, my name is John Doe" they are making a claim of who they are.However, their claim may or may not be true. Before John Doe can be granted access to protected information it will be necessary to verify that the person claiming to be John Doe really is John Doe.

Authentication :

is the act of verifying a claim of identity. When John Doe goes into a bank to make a withdrawal, he tells the bank teller he is John Doe, a claim of identity.The bank teller asks to see a photo ID, so he hands the teller his driver's license.The bank teller checks the license to make sure it has John Doe printed on it and compares the photograph on the license against the person claiming to be John Doe.[If the photo and name match the person, then the teller has authenticated that John Doe is who he claimed to be. Similarly, by entering the correct password, the user is providing evidence that he/she is the person the username belongs to.

There are three different types of information that can be used for authentication:

Something you know: things such as a PIN, a password, or your mother's maiden name

Something you have: a driver's license or a magnetic swipe card

Something you are: biometrics, including palm prints, fingerprints, voice prints, and retina (eye) scans

Time-based one-time password (TOTP) :

is a computer algorithm that generates a one-time password (OTP) using the current time as a source of uniqueness. As an extension of the HMAC-based one-time password algorithm (HOTP), it has been adopted as Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standard RFC 6238.

TOTP is the cornerstone of Initiative for Open Authentication (OATH), and is used in a number of two-factor authentication (2FA) systems.

Authorization :

After a person, program or computer has successfully been identified and authenticated then it must be determined what informational resources they are permitted to access and what actions they will be allowed to perform (run, view, create, delete, or change). This is called authorization. Authorization to access information and other computing services begins with administrative policies and procedures.The policies prescribe what information and computing services can be accessed, by whom, and under

what conditions. The access control mechanisms are then configured to enforce these policies.

Access Control Mechanisms :

The access control mechanism a system offers will be based upon one of three approaches to access control, or it may be derived from a combination of the three approaches.

The non-discretionary :

approach consolidates all access control under a centralized administration. The access to information and

other resources is usually based on the individuals function (role) in the organization or the tasks the individual must perform.

The discretionary approach :

gives the creator or owner of the information resource the ability to control access to those resources.In the mandatory access control approach, access is granted or denied basing upon the security classification assigned to the information resource.

Role-based access control :

is a policy-neutral access control mechanism defined around roles and privileges. The components of RBAC such as role-permissions, user-role and role-role relationships make it

simple to perform user assignments. A study by NIST has demonstrated that RBAC addresses many needs of commercial and government organizations.RBAC can be used to facilitate administration of security in large organizations with hundreds of users and thousands of permissions.

In computer security, mandatory access control (MAC) :

refers to a type of access control by which the operating system or database constrains the ability of a subject or initiator to access or generally perform some sort of operation on an object or target.[1] In the case of operating systems, a subject is usually a process or thread; objects are

constructs such as files, directories, TCP/UDP ports, shared memory segments, IO devices, etc. Subjects and objects each have a set of security attributes. Whenever a subject attempts to access an object, an authorization rule enforced by the operating system kernel examines these security attributes and decides whether the access can take place. Any operation by any subject on any object is tested against the set of authorization rules (aka policy) to determine if the operation is allowed

In computer security, discretionary access control (DAC):

is a type of access control defined by the Trusted Computer System Evaluation Criteria[1] (TCSEC) as a means of restricting access to objects based on the identity of subjects

and/or groups to which they belong. The controls are discretionary in the sense that a subject with a certain access permission is capable of passing that permission (perhaps indirectly) on to any other subject (unless restrained by mandatory access control).

Occasionally, a system as a whole is said to have "discretionary" or "purely discretionary" access control when that system lacks mandatory access control. On the other hand, systems can implement both MAC and DAC simultaneously, where DAC refers to one category of access controls that subjects can transfer among each other, and MAC refers to a second category of access controls that imposes constraints upon the first.

To be effective, policies and other security controls must be enforceable and upheld. Effective policies ensure that people are held accountable for their actions.[210] The U.S. Treasury's guidelines for systems processing sensitive or proprietary information, for example, states that all failed and successful authentication and access attempts must be logged, and all access to information must leave some type of audit trail.

An audit trail (also called audit log) :

is a security-relevant chronological record, set of records, and/or destination and source of records that provide documentary evidence of the sequence of activities that have affected at any time a specific operation, procedure, event, or device.Audit records typically result from activities such as

financial transactions,[3] scientific research and health care data transactions,[4] or communications by individual people, systems, accounts, or other entities.

Privelege Mode :

In computer science, hierarchical protection domains, often called protection rings, are mechanisms to protect data and functionality from faults (by improving fault tolerance) and malicious behavior (by providing computer security).

Privilege rings for the x86 available in protected mode Computer operating systems provide different levels of access to resources. A protection ring is one of two or more hierarchical levels or layers of privilege within the

architecture of a computer system. This is generally hardware-enforced by some CPU architectures that provide different CPU modes at the hardware or microcode level.

Fault tolerance :

is the ability of a system to maintain proper operation in the event of failures or faults in one or more of its components. Any decrease in operating quality is proportional to the severity of the failure, unlike a naively designed system in which even a small failure can lead to total breakdown. Fault tolerance is particularly sought after in high-availability, mission-critical, or even life-critical systems. The ability to maintain functionality when portions of a system break down

is referred to as graceful degradation.[1]

A fault-tolerant design enables a system to continue its intended operation, possibly at a reduced level, rather than failing completely when some part of the system fails.

High availability (HA) :

is a characteristic of a system that aims to ensure an agreed level of operational performance, usually uptime, for a higher than normal period.

"Always-on" .

Modernization has resulted in an increased reliance on these systems. For example, hospitals and data centers require high availability of their systems to perform routine daily activities.

A single point of failure (SPOF) :

is a part of a system that, if it fails, will stop the entire system from working. SPOFs are undesirable in any system with a goal of high availability or reliability, be it a business practice, software application, or other industrial system.

A safety-critical system or life-critical system is a system whose failure or malfunction may result in one (or more) of the following outcomes:

death or serious injury to people
loss or severe damage to equipment/property
environmental harm.

A safety-related system (or sometimes safety-involved system) comprises everything (hardware, software, and human aspects) needed to perform one or more safety functions, in which failure would cause a significant increase in the safety risk for the people or environment involved.[5] Safety-related systems are those that do not have full responsibility for controlling hazards such as loss of life, severe injury or severe environmental damage.

Examples[1] of safety-critical systems. From left to right, top to bottom: the glass cockpit of a C-141, a pacemaker, the Space Shuttle and the control room of a nuclear power plant.

A critical system :

is a system which must be highly reliable and retain this reliability as it evolves without incurring prohibitive costs.

There are four types of critical systems: safety critical, mission critical, business critical and security critical.

For critical systems, the costs of verification and validation are usually very high—more than 50% of the total system development costs.

A critical system is distinguished by the consequences associated with system or function failure. Likewise, critical

systems are further distinguished between fail-operational and fail safe systems, according to the tolerance they must exhibit to failures.

Fail-operational — typically required to operate not only in nominal conditions (expected), but also in degraded situations when some parts are not working properly. For example, airplanes are fail-operational because they must be able to fly even if some components fail.

Fail-safe — must safely shut down in case of single or multiple failures. Trains are fail-safe systems because stopping a train is typically sufficient to put into safe state.

Safety critical systems deal with scenarios that may lead to loss of life, serious personal injury, or damage to the natural environment. Examples of safety-critical systems are a control system for a chemical manufacturing plant, aircraft,

the controller of an unmanned train metro system, a controller of a nuclear plant, etc.

Mission critical systems are made to avoid inability to complete the overall system, project objectives or one of the goals for which the system was designed. Examples of mission-critical systems are a navigational system for a spacecraft, software controlling a baggage handling system of an airport, etc.

Business critical systems are programmed to avoid

significant tangible or intangible economic costs; e.g., loss of business or damage to reputation. This is often due to the interruption of service caused by the system being unusable. Examples of a business-critical systems are the customer accounting system in a bank, stock-trading system, ERP system of a company, Internet search engine, etc.

Security critical systems deal with the loss of sensitive data through theft or accidental loss.

Cryptography:

Information security uses cryptography to transform usable information into a form that renders it unusable by anyone other than an authorized user; this process is called encryption.Information that has been encrypted (rendered unusable) can be transformed back into its original usable form by an authorized user who possesses the cryptographic key, through the process of decryption. Cryptography is used in information security to protect information from unauthorized or accidental disclosure while the information

is in transit (either electronically or physically) and while information is in storage.

Duty of Care Risk Analysis Standard (DoCRA):

Organizations have a responsibility with practicing duty of care when applying information security. The Duty of Care Risk Analysis Standard (DoCRA) provides principles and practices for evaluating risk. It considers all parties that

could be affected by those risks. DoCRA helps evaluate safeguards if they are appropriate in protecting others from harm while presenting a reasonable burden. With increased data breach litigation, companies must balance security controls, compliance, and its mission.

The Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, in a publication titled Governing for Enterprise Security (GES) Implementation Guide, defines characteristics of effective security governance. These include:[240]

An enterprise-wide issue

Leaders are accountable

Viewed as a business requirement

Risk-based

Roles, responsibilities, and segregation of duties defined

Addressed and enforced in policy

Adequate resources committed

Staff aware and trained

A development life cycle requirement

Planned, managed, measurable, and measured

Reviewed and audited

An incident response plan (IRP) is a group of policies that dictate an organizations reaction to a cyber attack.

An intrusion detection system :

(IDS; also intrusion prevention system or IPS) is a device or software application that monitors a network or systems for malicious activity or policy violations.[1] Any intrusion activity or violation is typically either reported to an administrator or collected centrally using a security information and event management (SIEM) system. A SIEM system combines outputs from multiple sources and uses alarm filtering techniques to distinguish malicious activity from false alarms.

Security information and event management (SIEM) :

is a field within the field of computer security, where software products and services combine security information management (SIM) and security event management (SEM).SIEM is the core component of any

typical Security Operations Center (SOC), which is the centralized response team addressing security issues within an organization.

They provide real-time analysis of security alerts generated by applications and network hardware.

A host-based intrusion detection system (HIDS) :

is an intrusion detection system that is capable of monitoring and analyzing the internals of a computing system as well as the network packets on its network interfaces, similar to the way a network-based intrusion detection system (NIDS) operates.[1] HIDS focuses on more granular and internal attacks through focusing monitoring host activities instead of overall network traffic.[2] HIDS was the first type of intrusion detection software to have been designed, with the original target system being the mainframe computer where outside interaction was infrequent.

One major issue with using HIDS is that it needs to be installed on each and every computer that needs protection from intrusions. This can lead to a slowdown in device performance and intrusion detection systems.